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Re: Response to Notice of Drawing
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/686,243
Filed: October 14, 2003
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF A SMART
DECODING SCHEME FOR FAST SYNCHRONOUS
READ IN A MEMORY SYSTEM
Our ref: ATM-279 (Vikram Kowshik et al.)

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed 09/18/2006 from the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified patent application, enclosed is a drawing sheet labeled as "REPLACEMENT SHEET" with the drawing now labeled as Fig. 4B (previously inadvertently labeled as Fig. 4). Other than the label, no other changes have been made to this drawing.

Applicants believe that the drawings are now consistent with the specification. A copy of the PTO notice is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 10/14/2003 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figure 4B is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figure 4 is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Due 10/18/06 - d'd mppg
Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

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